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HISTORICAL INVENTORY

COUNTY: York

CLASS: Site (Home)

*** EVANS HOME SITE ***

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1. SUBJECT:

Evans Home Site.

2. LOCATION:

Three hundred yards from the main highway, on the west side of the main Messick Highway, down a narrow lane and about 1/4 of a mile below the Poquoson High School, Messick, Virginia.

3. DATE:

About 1860.

4. OWNERS:

Mr. Franklin Evans.

5. DESCRIPTION:

The Evans Home was built about 1860. The house had two rooms, one was used as a kitchen (cook room) and one used as a combined sitting room and bedroom.. Both the exterior and the interior of the house was of rough logs. The timber was sawed and brought to the spot where the house was built. The kitchen was a little smaller than the other room and at the rear of it; they were just a short distance apart. The windows had eight panes. The doors were built of plain wide boards and the floor was built of wide planks varying in width. Both the kitchen and the sitting-room had a gabled roof and were shingled. There were two chimneys, one on the kitchen and one on the sitting room, they were both outside chimneys and made of clay. The clay was dug and dabs of it was put around just as one would lay bricks and then would allow to harden then another layer of clay was put on until the chimney was completed.

Inside the house was a fireplace in both rooms; the one in the kitchen was used for cooking.

6. HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE:

Mr. and Mrs. Evans finally built another house and this house was used as a corn crib and barn till it was torn down.

7. ART:

8. SOURCE OF INFORMATION:

Informant: Mrs. Annie Hawkins, Messick, Virginia.